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SUBJECT: KIM TAE JUN KIDNAPPING

1. AP'S SPENCER DAVIS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO KIM ABDUCTION AT AUGUST 8 PRESS BRIEFING. SPOKESMAN SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION BUT WOULD INQUIRE. EA/P LATER PROVIDED DAVIS WITH SUBSTANCE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, WHICH DEPARTMENT WILL USE FOR ANY FURTHER INQUIRIES: QUOTE

2. WE HAVE SEEN THE NEWS REPORTS AND UNDERSTAND FROM OUR EMBASSY IN TOKYO THAT THE JAPANESE POLICE ARE ACTIVELY INVESTIGATING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MR. KIM TAE CHUNG, THE FORMER OPPOSITION CANDIDATE FOR THE KOREAN PRESIDENCY. THE FACTS OF THE CASE ARE NOT CLEAR AT THIS TIME, BUT IT IS A CASE INVOLVING A KOREAN CITIZEN WHO WAS IN JAPAN SO THAT IT IS BASICALLY A MATTER FOR THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES. NATURALLY WE HOPE THAT MR. KIM IS SAFE AND DEPLORE SUCH ILLEGAL ACTS AS KIDNAPPING. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS WITH INTEREST AND CONCERN FOR MR. KIM'S SAFETY.

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